

***A Place of Stone and Darkness*** is a visually appealing and beautifully illustrated book. Set in two worlds, this dystopian story highlights the realistic destruction that the human race (in this case Toppa's) have created.

The mysterious underground Striggworld contains special individual characters. Ellee, a young Strigg discovers and hides a young Toppa boy. Her decision puts the future of Striggworld in jeopardy and leads to some important decisions having to be made by the Strigg leaders. This creates a high level of suspense in the book. I was left with questions and wanting more, but I think this lends itself perfectly to a second book.

The glossary and character illustrations are a valuable addition to this special book.

Children who love fantasy and adventure would love this book. It would be perfect for 12+ years or Year 7-8, but a great read aloud for Year 6.